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Religious Intelligence.

The Methodist Church in this place is enjoying a remarkable revival of religion. A protracted meeting has been in progress for seven weeks. Thus far one hundred and thirty persons have made a profession and united with the church on probation. The meeting continues with increasing interest. The house is crowded to overflowing every evening, with persons from all the different congregations in town, and many leave the doors for want of room. In addition to the number mentioned above, many persons from the other societies of different denominations, have found peace in attendance on these meetings. Several Roman Catholics have been converted. Last evening a Catholic girl of 16 years, was taken, much against her will, from the altar and from the house, by her friends. She has since, we understand, been before the priests, but clings to her new Protestant faith.

The work of grace has not been confined to the Methodist Society. A deep feeling is manifested in the Congregational Church. Four evening meetings are held weekly, with an increasing earnestness and interest. In the University, also, an uncommon seriousness pervades every class, and several of the students have recently expressed a hope. In the Baptist Church, also, an unusual interest is felt. It is long since such tidings have gone forth from Burlington.

We continue to hear of revivals in all parts of the country. An interesting one is progressing in Williams' College. In New York City and Brooklyn, an unusual interest prevails in many churches, and an interesting work of grace is in progress in several of the Sabbath schools of New York. More than seventy anxious inquirers are stated to have been at the room of one pastor. The mission schools of the city are sharing in these tokens of the presence of the Holy Spirit, gliding to those who have labored in them the verification of the promise, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." Little children have also been agents in the conversion of their parents.

Rev. S. R. Hall was installed Pastor of the Congregational Church in Brownington, Orleans Co., Vt., March 7th. At the same time Mr. Nathan Ward, M. D., of Troy, formerly missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., to Ceylon, and lately of Burlington, was ordained to the gospel ministry, by request of the Church in Brownington, of which Mr. Ward was for several years a member. The Church at Brownington has been some ten years without a pastor.

The Board of Bishops of the M. E. Church, have changed the time of holding the Vermont Conference to May 23d, at Plainfield.

The same Board recently decided that it is not lawful for a preacher of one conference to go into another conference, or for a presiding elder, or for a presbyter to go into the charge of another presbyter, to act as counsel in conducting trials.

The Canadian Wesleyans have contributed to the Canadian Wesleyan Missionary Society for the year 1854, \$50,158 84. The number of members reported in this church for the same time is 22,561, which gives an average of 23 cents and 3 mills; nearly double the highest average contributed by the N. E. Conferences, and more than three times greater than the average contributed by the whole of the M. E. Church. The lowest average amount contributed by any circuit in Canada is not much less than the average of the whole for the M. E. Church of the United States.

A pilgrimage to Jerusalem is just now being talked of at Rome, the object being, in the language of a circular by the Committee of arrangement, "an effort to re-unite the two centres of the faith, Rome and Jerusalem, to carry back the active life of the present heart of Christianity to its original source—of all the world nations the first country of the faith,"—certainly this appeal for a pilgrimage, is not to my knowledge, Rome at least will ever remain derelict. We find them still and lone, in sending an invitation from the Eternal City to the faithful of the continent to resume for the feast of Easter, (10th of April) near the Holy Sepulchre. The circular thus suggests that the voyage can be made under the most favorable circumstances, and invites the faithful to assemble at Rome, (where the expedition will receive the benediction of the Holy Father,) as the point of departure.

Governor Baker, of New Hampshire, has appointed Tuesday, April 5th, for a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

An English journal gives the following translation of Psalm XXIII, to illustrate the peculiarly forcible style of Dr. Cumming, of London:

"Dost thou not consider that I am like a sheep, cast out of the flock? I have been cast out, and am like a lamb in a land of strangers, where no man dares to lay his hand upon me. I have been cast out, and am like a lamb in a land of strangers, where no man dares to lay his hand upon me."

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